

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, and 8-18 were pending in the application. However, by this Amendment new claims 19-29 have been added. Thus, upon entry of this Amendment claims 1, 4-6, and 8-29 will be pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, and 5 have been allowed.

Also, by this Amendment claims 17 and 18 have been amended to provide for improved consistency with the claims from which they depend.

Election of Species

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for an election of a single species from those specified as follows:

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| Species 1: Figs. 1-13 | Species 10: Fig. 34 |
| Species 2: Figs. 14-15 | Species 11: Fig. 35 |
| Species 3: Figs. 16-18 | Species 12: Fig. 36 |
| Species 4: Figs. 19-23 | Species 13: Fig. 37 |
| Species 5: Figs. 24-26 | Species 14: Fig. 38 |
| Species 6: Figs. 27-28 | Species 15: Figs. 39-44 |
| Species 7: Figs. 29-30 | Species 16: Figs. 45-46 |
| Species 8: Figs. 31-32 | Species 17: Fig. 47 |
| Species 9: Fig. 33 | |

Applicant hereby elects species 1 (Figs. 1-13) without traverse.

Claims readable on elected species 1 include claims 1, 4, and 5, as well as new claims 19-29.

With respect to the patentability of the newly added claims, since new claims 19-29 depend from allowed claim 1, claims 19-29 are considered to be in condition for allowance as well.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment increases the total number of claims beyond twenty by six to twenty-six, but does not increase the number of independent claims and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, a Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$108.00 to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.


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